

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held October 23, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"Over this past weekend Southern California was devastated by a series of wildfires. In the Santa Clarita Valley alone, there were three fires that originated in Agua Dulce, Castaic and Val Verde, and in Stevenson Ranch. These fires are in addition to the fire in Malibu, not to mention those fires outside of Los Angeles County.

"As we have seen with other disasters, public-private partnerships are critical in assisting individuals to recover - mortgage payments, permits to rebuild and paying property taxes. The County needs to expedite the permitting process and reduce or restructure property tax payments. The County can also ask banks and finance companies to reschedule mortgage payments to provide some relief for residents who have lost their homes or suffered damage."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

- 1. Made a finding pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2), that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the agenda being posted as specified in subdivision (a); and
- 2. Directed the Chief Executive Officer to:
  - Work with the Departments of Regional Planning and Public Works to expedite issuance of permits and establish one-stop permitting centers in those areas impacted by the recent fires;

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- Request that the County Assessor develop concessions for property-owners whose homes were damaged or destroyed in the fires, including extending deadlines for upcoming property tax payments, adjusting property taxes to reflect the recent loss of structures, or deferring payments to future tax years; and
- Prepare a 5-signature letter to major lending institutions asking that mortgage payments on homes damaged or destroyed by the recent fires in Los Angeles County be temporarily delayed and that accrued payments be added to the end of the mortgage term.

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